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## The Solicitors' Journal.

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### CURRENT TOPICS.

THE QUESTION as to what is a private residence lately came before Vice-Chancellor Bacon in a case of *German v. Chapman* (25 W. R. 802), and it received an answer that cannot fail to be a startling one to many householders. The plaintiff had, together with others, purchased an estate in the rural neighbourhood of Sevenoaks, and had divided it into plots on which to erect villa residences of a superior character. The conveyance of each plot contained a covenant on the part of the purchaser, and so as to bind the land and the future owners thereof, not to build more than a certain number of houses on it, at a cost of not less than £1,000 each, or £1,300 for a pair of semi-detached houses, and "that no house or building to be erected on the land should be used or occupied otherwise than as and for a private residence only, and not for any purpose of trade." The Vice-Chancellor held, in the case of one of the plots, that this covenant would not be broken by the erection thereon, by the Institution for the Education of the Daughters of Missionaries, of a building to be used as a school or home for a hundred female orphans, the objects of the institution. His lordship said that he could not conceive that there was any doubt as to the meaning of the words, adding that the term "purpose of trade" explained more fully what was meant by the term "private residence." He did not, however, rest solely on this ground, which would, perhaps, have been intelligible, although it would have rendered the words "otherwise than as and for a private residence only" practically superfluous. But he contended, apparently with much animation, that the proposed building would, in the fullest and most ample sense, be used as a private residence only. The committee, he said, had placed themselves in *loco parentis* to these children; and since, if they had had a hundred children of their own, they could not have been restrained from building a home for them, no more could they be restrained from building a home for these objects of their care. "Suppose" continued his lordship "that a Turkish pasha were to come over to this country with several of his wives and a hundred children, might he not build a house on this land? Perhaps this is an absurd illustration, but it shows that a hundred people may live in a private residence." This latter proposition no one can doubt; but then in the case proposed the building would really be somebody's private residence, namely, the pasha's. But in the case before the court, the building could not accurately be described as anybody's private residence; certainly not the committee's, for they would not reside there, and as to the children it would be a very public residence indeed. As to the actual intention of the owners it cannot, we think, be doubted what it was, namely, that the houses should be used in the ordinary way in which private residences in England are used, and not, for example, for such a purpose as an asylum for a thousand idiots, even though the keepers of the idiots derived no emolument

from keeping them. Whether the actual intention was sufficiently expressed by the words of the covenant must, it seems, be considered doubtful, since the Vice-Chancellor is unable to conceive an interpretation which to us appears to be the only interpretation conceivable.

WHEN THE LAST remaining exception to the competency as witnesses of parties to a common law action was abolished by the 2nd section of the Law of Evidence Further Amendment Act, 1869, it was foretold that actions for breach of promise would largely increase; and the cause lists of every successive assize have tended to show the correctness of this anticipation, notwithstanding the provision that "no plaintiff in any action for breach of promise of marriage shall recover a verdict unless his or her testimony shall be corroborated by some other material evidence in support of such promise." This enactment has for the most part received a very liberal construction from the judges; slight corroboration has been generally held sufficient to support a verdict, and the question of materiality has not very often been raised.

The earliest discussion on the words of the section seems to have occurred in the unreported case of *Watkins v. Davis*, where the Court of Exchequer, in May, 1872, upheld a ruling of the late Mr. Baron Channell rejecting as corroborative evidence certain letters from the defendant to the plaintiff, as not specifically alluding to the subject of marriage. *Wilcox v. Godfrey* (26 L. T. 481), was decided about the same time by the same court. The plaintiff's evidence was supported by that of other persons who swore that she and the defendant had often been seen together, and that he had been heard to speak of her as his future wife. On this evidence the case went to the jury, although the corroborating testimony related to an earlier date than that of the alleged engagement, and the court refused to disturb the verdict. Mr. Baron Martin laid down that the only thing required by the statute is that the plaintiff's evidence "shall not stand alone"; and also that "it cannot be that the only corroboration of a fact is what takes place afterwards; the corroboration may equally be by what has taken place before." The section was also discussed by the Irish Court of Exchequer in *Hickey v. Campion* (I. R. 6 C. L. 557). There a verdict for the plaintiff was upheld, although practically the only corroboration of her story was the testimony of a witness, who deposed that while the plaintiff was attending the defendant on the occasion of a sudden attack of illness he had heard the latter say, "Who has a better right to take care of me than my wife?"

In the recent case of *Bessela v. Stern* (25 W. R. 561, L. R. 2 C. P. D. 265), the only confirmatory evidence was that of the plaintiff's sister, who swore (1) that she had taxed the defendant with the seduction of her sister, when he replied that he would marry her and begged that he might not be exposed; and (2) that she was in the presence of the plaintiff and the defendant soon after the plaintiff had given birth to a child, and heard the plaintiff say to the defendant, "You always promised to marry me, and you don't keep your word"; whereupon the defendant replied that he would give her some money to go away, but he did not deny the promise. At the trial at Liverpool, before a commissioner of assize, the jury found for the plaintiff, with £100 damages; but the Common Pleas Division afterwards entered judgment for the defendant, on the ground that the testimony relied upon as corroboration was "not the sort of evidence the statute requires"; the promise made to the plaintiff's sister was consistent with the non-existence of any antecedent promise; while the defendant's silence when reminded by the plaintiff of his promise to her was not enough corroboration to satisfy the requirements of the statute. This decision was reversed by the Court of Appeal, who thought it

unnecessary to hear the counsel for the appellant. The promise made to the plaintiff's sister before the child's birth does not seem to have been a ground of the judgment, which proceeded entirely on the conversation between the plaintiff and the defendant which was deposed to by the same witness. The Lord Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, though thinking that the verdict was against the weight of evidence, held that the requirements of the statute had been complied with, saying, "The evidence given in corroboration need not go to the length of establishing the contract; if the evidence support the promise it is enough; . . . there is his silence, and from that silence the jury might come to the conclusion that he admitted the promise." Lord Justice Bramwell also commented upon the effect of the defendant's silence, saying, "If a statement is such that a denial of it is not to be expected, then silence is no admission of its truth; but if two persons have a conversation, in which one of them makes a statement to the disadvantage of the other, and the latter does not deny it, there is evidence of an admission that the statement is correct." Lord Justice Brett's remarks were to the same effect. These cases are sufficient to show that as an enabling provision the 2nd section of the Act has received a very liberal interpretation.

AN INTERESTING instance of the way in which anomalies creep into the law is afforded by the recent case of *Ex parte The International Pulp and Paper Company (Limited), In re Knowle's Mortgage*, before the Master of the Rolls, reported 25 W. R. 822. It will be remembered that by the 43rd section of the Companies Act, 1862, it is provided that "every limited company under this Act shall keep a register of all mortgages and charges specifically affecting property of the company, and shall enter in such register, in respect of each mortgage or charge, a short description of the property mortgaged," &c.; and the section goes on, "If any property of the company is mortgaged or charged without such entry as aforesaid being made, every director, manager, or other officer of the company who knowingly and wilfully authorizes or permits the omission of such entry shall incur a penalty not exceeding fifty pounds." It is now settled law that if directors or other officers of the company take a mortgage from the company they cannot rely upon it as against the creditors of the company unless it is registered. The section being intended for the protection of the general creditors, and it being the duty of each director to see that the requirements of the section are complied with, that is to say, to see that each mortgage is registered, it is considered improper to allow a director to set up an unregistered mortgage as against the creditors. This was first laid down by Vice-Chancellor Malins in the case of *In re Wynn Hall Coal Company, Ex parte North and South Wales Bank* (18 W. R. 1128, L. R. 10 Eq. 515), and the principle was adopted by the Court of Appeal in Chancery in the case of *In re Patent Bread Machinery Company, Ex parte Valpy and Chaplin* (20 W. R. 347, L. R. 7 Ch. 289), and has been sanctioned by the present Court of Appeal in *In re Native Iron Ore Company* (24 W. R. 503, L. R. 2 Ch. D. 345).

From the rule thus established the Master of the Rolls very strongly dissents, holding that, inasmuch as a specific penalty is appointed, that is the only penalty that can be imposed. We are not concerned here to question this view, though we may point out that the statute does not specifically treat of mortgages taken by the directors themselves, but rather seems to point at the ordinary case of an outside mortgagee, and we may add that the rule as laid down is based on general grounds of equity which, with great deference to the Master of the Rolls, do not appear to us to be far to seek. But what we wish to direct attention to is, that in the recent case before his lordship, he has treated these authorities as raising a purely personal equity against the director or

other officer taking a mortgage and neglecting to register it, adding, "the rule cannot apply to persons claiming through or under the director." In the case before him the director was never anything but a bare trustee for the mortgagee; but it is evident from the whole gist and scope of the judgment that his lordship would apply his view to the case of any transferee from a director of an unregistered mortgage, even though the transferee knew that the transferor was a director and that accordingly the mortgage, unless registered, was invalid in his hands. This surely would be a great anomaly; but, while there is this conflict between the Master of the Rolls and the Court of Appeal on the general principle underlying the whole subject, it can hardly be said that the anomaly, though in process of formation, has reached anything like a stable and settled stage of existence.

The Swedish Government has recently appointed a committee to inquire into the subject of patents and trade-marks. Hitherto there have not existed any regulations for the registration of trade-marks in Sweden and Norway, but persons illegally using manufacturers' trade-marks could be prosecuted for fraud and condemned to fine and imprisonment.—*Trade Marks*.

Some weeks ago a man named Haas was found guilty of having murdered his gaoler in the central establishment of Poissy, and was condemned to death. On appeal the Court of Cassation seems to have granted a new trial in consequence of the jury not having been very strong in orthography. The verdict stated that the prisoner had been found guilty by the "magorité." Hence a new lease of life for Haas.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

Writing on Monday last, the *Times* says:—"To-day is Old Lammas-day, a date which marks the continuity of modern English life with a very ancient past. On this day the fences of many lands throughout the country are removed, and fields which have been held as private property through the spring and summer become commons for the benefit of surrounding owners of cattle. These are the lands called Lammas lands. Usually they are grass meadows, but in some cases agricultural land enters into the class, as in a Norfolk district described in Coke's Reports. "In the county of Norfolk there is a special manor of common called 'shack,' which is to be taken in arable land, after harvest and until the land be sowed again, &c., and it began in ancient time in this manner: the fields of arable land in this county consist of the lands of many and divers several persons lying intermixed in many and several small parcels, so that it is not possible that any of them, without trespass to the others, can feed their cattle in their own land; and, therefore, every one doth put in their cattle to feed *promiscue* in the open field. These words 'to go shack,' is as much as to say to go at liberty, or to go at large." The extract is from *Sir Miles Corbet's case* (Co. Rep. VII. 5a); to which a note is added, that the like intercommoning exists in Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, and other counties. A wider range of historical knowledge than Coke possessed, and upon whom, and upon the court, the Norfolk custom came for the first time in *Corbet's case*, shows that the practice is derived from an ancient system of communism such as still prevails in Russia. The land was at first held in common by the village or a more scattered community, but for convenience of culture certain portions of it were tilled each year by individuals. As soon as the crops or the hay were gathered, the communal right, or the right of the village, revived, the individual ownership ceased, and next year a fresh division of land was made. The Act of George II. which established the new style in England excepted the days for the commencement of common of pasturage, &c., from the operation of the statute; and thus those entitled to Lammas rights did not lose eleven days like the rest of England. There is now a difference of twelve days between then and the ordinary calendar, and this discrepancy may go on slowly increasing till old Lammas-day passes out of summer or autumn into winter. This year the opening of the Lammas lands to pasture coincides with the opening of the upland pastures to sportsmen for shooting grouse and ptarmigan.

POWER OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO CONVEY MORTGAGED ESTATE.

THE 4th section of the Vendor and Purchaser Act, 1874, has at last received a judicial interpretation, and as that interpretation appears to us at least open to question, and is contrary to what we believe to be the general impression of conveyancers upon the point, it will be worth our while to discuss the matter at some little length.

The words of the section are as follows:—"The legal personal representative of a mortgagee of a freehold estate, or of a copyhold estate to which the mortgagee shall have been admitted, may, on payment of all sums secured by the mortgage, convey or surrender the mortgaged estate, whether the mortgage be in form an assurance subject to redemption, or an assurance upon trust." In the case of *In re Brook's Mortgage*, reported in last week's issue of the WEEKLY REPORTER, the Master of the Rolls expressed his opinion that the section did not apply to a transfer of the mortgage, but was confined to payment off and re-conveyance; and he acted on that opinion by making a vesting order, which would have been unnecessary, and, therefore, improper, if the section had applied to the case of a transfer.

The first objection to this view is that, the sole object of the Legislature being evidently to dispense with the necessity of obtaining the concurrence of the mortgagee's heir and for that purpose to give the mortgagee's personal representative a power to deal with the estate on his receipt of the mortgage-money, it does not, so far as any of the parties interested are concerned, make one atom of difference by whom the money is paid; and no ground can possibly be suggested for supposing that the Legislature could be more solicitous to save expense and trouble in the case of a re-conveyance than in the case of a transfer. Unless, therefore, the words of the section are clear and express in favour of the view that it applies only to a re-conveyance, the rational interpretation would seem to be that it applies to every case where the money is paid.

Now, there are no words in the section that are exclusively applicable to the case of payment by the mortgagor and conveyance of the estate to him, although such words exist and are in every-day use. The mortgage-money is not even spoken of as the "debt," a term that might perhaps seem to glance at the mortgagor; nor are the sums secured described as "paid off"; nor is the power a power to "re-convey." The expressions are that the personal representative may, on "payment" of the "sums secured," "convey or surrender"; and these expressions are every one of them perfectly applicable and appropriate to a payment of the sums secured by an intending transferee, and to the conveyance or surrender of the estate to him.

Again, assuming there was ground for thinking that the section contemplated only a re-conveyance to the mortgagor, it could not be contended that the mortgagor might not direct the estate to be conveyed to any one he pleased, and for any estate or interest that he pleased, nor could it be contended that he must pay the money with his own hand. It would follow, therefore, that where the mortgagor got a third person to pay the sums secured, and requested the personal representative to convey the estate to such third person by way of continuing the mortgage, then and in that case the personal representative could pass the estate. In other words, a transfer could be made by the mortgagee's personal representative with the concurrence of the mortgagor, though without his concurrence it could not. Surely this would be a strange anomaly in the position of a mortgagee or his estate towards the mortgaged property.

We have said that the general impression among conveyancers is that the section applies to transfers as well as to re-conveyances. We might have expressed this in a still more general form, and said that the current view is that the statutory power of the personal representative of a mortgagee to deal with the estate arises upon

his receipt of the sums secured, whether the sums are paid directly, as is done in the case of a transfer, or whether they are paid indirectly, as in the case of an exercise of the power of sale. This is shown in the careful discussion of the section by Mr. Dart in the last (5th) edition of his work on Vendors and Purchasers. He there (p. 16), after saying that it may be made a question whether "a realization" from an exercise of a power of sale would amount to "payment" within the meaning of the Act, continues as follows:—"Assuming, however, as seems probable, that such would be held to be the case, still, if the sale is for a sum insufficient, after payment of expenses of sale, to discharge the entire amount due on the security, the section does not apply." In other words, although on a sale there is no direct "payment" of the sums secured, yet the opinion of that eminent conveyancer is that, where the sums realized are sufficient, the personal representative can convey the estate.

In conclusion we submit that the section, being an enabling one, should be construed liberally; and that to read it as the Master of the Rolls has done is to narrow its operation to what may be almost regarded as exceptional cases, as there are many more transfers than re-conveyances. The question is one of importance as affecting transactions, not only involving large sums, but also of daily occurrence; and we should be glad to see the point speedily settled by a judgment of the Court of Appeal. In the meantime, the recent decision should not be overlooked, and practitioners should of course regard it as at present decisive on the subject.

The *Times* of Monday last states that the United Synagogue are now engaged in making known to the poorest Jews the fact that in this country certain marriages which are valid by Jewish law are not valid by the law of the land, "a circumstance very recently exemplified by the judgment of Sir Richard Malins in *Levy v. Solomon*." This last statement is a misapprehension on the part of the *Times*. The case of *Levy v. Solomon* is reported in last Saturday's issue of the WEEKLY REPORTER, at p. 842, and it will be seen by a reference to that report that the validity of the marriage between the testator's son and his wife was not in question, the only point for decision being whether their children who were born before their marriage, and were therefore, according to our law, illegitimate, could take with the children born after the marriage. It was argued that they ought to be allowed to take, seeing that the subsequent marriage of the parents legitimized the children according to the Jewish law; but the learned Vice-Chancellor declined to take that view.

The following very startling suggestion of a complete cure for crime is extracted from a work where it could least have been expected. It is taken from the treatise on the "Unseen Universe" by Professors Stewart and Tait. In a passage treating on "matter and ether," with the different forms and degrees of "energy," the calm philosophers at once thus burst forth in the praise of former days:—"The good old times of merry England, erewhile the home of the 'miller' with his honest quarter-staff, of jolly and chivalrous wrestlers, boxers, and bowmen, now the hell of ruining tricks, garting, gouging, and stabbing. Now creatures in the likeness of men vent their despicable passions in murderous assaults upon women and children. But science hints at an effectual cure. It is probable, before many years have passed, electricity, which by some mysterious means enables our nerves to call our muscles into play, will be called on by an enlightened Legislature to solve this desperate social problem. Imprisonment has been tried in vain, and besides it involves great and needless expense. The cat, though thoroughly appropriate, is objected to as tending to brutalize the patient, and render murder not unlikely. No such objections can be urged against the use of electricity in any of its many forms. For it can be easily applied so as to produce for the requisite time, and for that only, under the direction of skilled physicians and physiologists, absolutely indescribable torture (unaccompanied by wound or any bruise), thrilling through every nerve and every fibre of the frames of such miscreants."—*Journal of Jurisprudence*.



## Societies.

### ASSOCIATION FOR THE REFORM AND CODIFICATION OF THE LAW OF NATIONS.

Programme of the Antwerp Conference, 30th of August to 3rd of September, 1877.

The conference will hold its sittings at the Hôtel de Ville, and the inaugural meeting will take place on Thursday, the 30th of August, at 11 a.m. Members attending the conference are required to sign a list, setting forth their names and their addresses at Antwerp. This list will be open for signature and inspection from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Hôtel de Ville.

Reception of the members by the Burgomaster of Antwerp.

Opening of the conference by the president.

Annual report of the council.

Communication of letters, &c.

Reports and papers will be submitted to the conference on the following subjects:—

1. *Private International Law.*—Bills of exchange; general average; foreign judgments; patent law; trade-marks; copyright; bankruptcy; the mixed tribunals of Egypt.

2. *Public International Law.*—The obligation of treaties; the doctrine of "continuous voyages," as applied to contraband of war and blockade, contrasted with the Declaration of Paris of 1856; reforms in international law, from the point of view of neutrals and the interests of peace; the growth of the doctrine of neutral waters; foreign loans; the extradition of criminals; intercourse between Christian and non-Christian peoples; treaties as to succour to shipwrecked mariners.

3. *Miscellaneous.*

Papers should be sent in for the approval of the council not later than the 1st of August, and each paper should be accompanied by a short abstract of its contents for the purpose of circulation.

Papers and communications to be addressed to the Honorary Secretaries at 33, Chancery-lane, London. All letters for Antwerp to be addressed to the Honorary Secretaries of the Local Committee.

## Appointments, &c.

Mr. JOHN DENNIS BROOKES TRENFIELD, solicitor, of Chipping Sodbury, Gloucestershire, has been appointed Registrar of the Chipping Sodbury County Court (Circuit No. 52), in the place of Mr. Edward Harley, of Clifton, who has resigned. Mr. Trenfield is a nephew of Mr. John Trenfield, solicitor, the clerk to the county justices for the Sodbury division, to the Commissioners of Land, Assessed, and Income Taxes, the Sodbury Highway Board, &c. Mr. J. D. B. Trenfield has also been appointed a Commissioner to administer Oaths in the Supreme Court of Judicature in England.

Mr. CHARLES C. DAVISON, solicitor, of Morpeth, has been appointed Notary Public for Morpeth and the district.

Mr. EDWARD AUGUSTUS HILDER, solicitor, has been appointed a Magistrate for the Borough of Gravesend. Mr. Hilder was admitted a solicitor in 1836, and is coroner for the borough, clerk to the Commissioners of Lieutenancy, and high bailiff of the Gravesend and Dartford County Courts.

Mr. THOMAS LEFT WOOD, Chief Justice of Bermuda, has been appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Straits Settlements. Mr. Wood was educated at Westminster and at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated M.A. in 1846. After several years' practice as a special pleader he was called to the bar at the Inner Temple in Trinity Term, 1851, and he formerly practised on the Home Circuit and Surrey Sessions. He was for some time acting Attorney-General of Vancouver's Island, and became Solicitor-General of British Columbia and a member of the Legislative Council of that colony in 1846. He has been Chief Justice of Bermuda and judge of the Vice-Admiralty Court since 1871.

## Obituary.

### MR. JAMES GEORGE LANGHAM.

Mr. James George Langham, solicitor, of Hastings, died at his residence at that place on the 8th inst. after a short illness. The deceased was the son of Mr. William Langham, solicitor, of Bartlett's-buildings, Holborn, and was born in 1792. He was admitted a solicitor in 1817, and at once went into partnership with his father, and with his elder brother, Mr. William Langham, jun. A few years later he was associated with his younger brother, Mr. Samuel Frederick Langham, the firm having offices at Bartlett's-buildings and at Hastings. A dissolution of partnership took place about ten years ago, the deceased relinquishing the London business to his brother, and retaining the business at Hastings, where he had since practised in partnership with his younger son, Mr. Frederick Adolphus Langham, who was admitted a solicitor in 1857, and is now clerk to the magistrates for the borough of Hastings and vestry clerk of Holy Trinity parish. The deceased had an extensive practice, and was a commissioner for oaths in the Supreme Court, a perpetual commissioner for Sussex, and steward of Hastings, Ashburnham, Burwash, and several other Sussex manors. Notwithstanding his advanced age Mr. Langham retained all his bodily and mental faculties, and was actively engaged in professional business till within ten days of his death. His eldest son is Mr. James George Langham, jun., of Uckfield and Eastbourne, who was admitted a solicitor in 1843, and is clerk to the Uckfield Local Board of Health, and to the county magistrates at that place.

### PRIVATE BUSINESS OF THE PAST SESSION.

Of the 268 petitions which appeared in the "General List" at the beginning of the session 19, were withdrawn, 6 failed on standing orders, and 244 ripened into Bills, subsequently increased "by leave" to 251. Permission to introduce Bills after the opening of the session was refused by the Commons in two cases; one being the South-Eastern and Chatham and Dover Amalgamation. Of the 251 Bills brought in, 72 originated in the Lords and 189 in the Commons, but 26 were either not proceeded with or withdrawn by the promoters while in progress. Two were not allowed to proceed by the Lords (Foreign and Colonial Government Trust and Share Investment Trust). Fourteen were thrown out (one on second reading in the Commons), and 208 were passed; 130 not being opposed at the committee stage in either House, 32 were not opposed in the Lords nor yet 16 in the Commons, thus leaving only 30 as the number opposed at that stage in both Houses. One of the 14 thrown out was rejected by the Lords after passing the Commons, and one by the Commons after passing the Lords.

Of the whole number passed, 87 relate to railways (12 new), 11 to tramways (6 new), 34 to gas supply, 17 to water supply, and the rest to bridges, docks, harbours, markets, navigation, roads, town improvements, and miscellaneous purposes, 163 being applicable to England and Wales, 20 to Ireland, 22 to Scotland, and 3 to the colonies. These, however, are all irrespective of many personal and provisional orders confirmation Acts and of hybrid Acts, of which latter there were several, including the New Forest Act, the Norfolk and Suffolk Fisheries Act, the Royal Dublin Society Act, the St. Stephen's Green (Dublin) Act, and the Toll Bridges (River Thames) Act.

The metropolis will benefit much by the private Bill legislation of the session. The last-mentioned Act, for instance, will free its river bridges from toll, while another Act (Metropolitan Street Improvements) authorizes the laying out of extensive new streets and thoroughfares north and south of the Thames.

The Thames Floods Prevention—a Bill of the hybrid class—was abandoned by the Metropolitan Board after the expressed determination of the committee, to whom it was referred in the Commons, to extend the rating provision to the entire metropolitan area instead of restricting it, as the Bill proposed, to the parts immediately affected by the floods. As a set-off against the loss of that Bill, there can be reckoned the defeat by the Metropolitan Board of

the two Bills of the Crystal Palace District Gas and the Gas Light and Coke Companies, proposing to relieve them of certain statutory obligations respecting the purity of their gas supply. These two unsuccessful Bills were the occasion of long and costly scientific inquiries before one of the strongest private Bill committees of the session. The gas companies complained of being placed between two fires by the existing state of the law, because the lime process needed, and which could alone be employed to insure the required purity, rendered them liable to continual prosecutions at quarter sessions, or to injunctions in chancery, for committing a nuisance.

The promoters of the Tower Bridge Bill did not go on with their scheme from an impression that "there was no prospect of its reaching the Lords in time for its proper consideration before the close of the session."

The applications for Acts to dissolve and re-incorporate existing gas companies show a large increase. The reason assigned for this increase is the recent discovery that a gas or water company incorporated by special Act of Parliament generally secured three or four more years' purchase in the event of their works being taken over by the local authorities. The precedent of 1876 for conferring compulsory powers of purchase upon such authorities was not, however, followed up this session, several applications of that nature having been refused; but in not a few cases permissive powers were granted.

An established rule was departed from in another direction. Parliament has always been jealous of allowing railway companies to acquire the ownership or control of a port, pier, or harbour. A standing order provides that "no railway company shall be authorized to construct or enlarge, purchase, or take on lease, or otherwise appropriate any dock, pier, harbour, or ferry, unless the committee on the Bill report that such restriction ought not to be enforced, with the reasons and facts upon which their opinion is founded." One of the closest railway fights of the session bore directly upon this question. The Portpatrick Railway Company promoted a Bill for the compulsory acquisition from the town council of Stranraer of the east pier of the harbour of Stranraer, which harbour the Government abandoned some years ago after expending upwards of a quarter of a million sterling upon its improvement. The present application succeeded in both Houses, and Stranraer promises now to become an important route for Irish railway traffic, after the manner of Holyhead.

The Dublin Central Tramways Act will take its place in private Bill records, to be hereafter cited as "a case in point." It is common enough for committees to reduce estimates, but until this case occurred there appears to have been no instance of a committee increasing estimates. The step was taken by the Lords, but when the Bill reached the Commons the objection of the deficiency in the deposit was started, and to overcome it a clause was inserted requiring the deposit to be raised to £2,000. The attention of the House was called to the matter, and in the result the Standing Orders Committee reported their opinion "that in any case where in future the estimate of any undertaking is increased during the passage of a Bill through Parliament, such increase should be made upon petition for additional provisions."

The system of provisional orders originated in a desire to save expense, but the statute provides that a contested order shall be treated as an opposed private Bill, and it too frequently happens that the cost of a parliamentary inquiry has to be added to the previous expense of a local examination. A great number of these orders were contested during the session, with more or less of success. In one case a committee of the Lords decided that the department issuing the order (Local Government Board) had overstepped the boundary line fixed by the law within which the orders were to be granted, and the order was, therefore, not confirmed.

In most of the private Acts of the session Post-office telegraph protective clauses were inserted at the instance of the Postmaster-General, with a proviso that they were to remain in force until the passing of a contemplated general measure next session for the better protection of the national telegraphs, and "to enlarge the powers of the Postmaster-General in relation thereto."

There were 17 opposed Bill committees in the Lords and 30 in the Commons, exclusive of 6 hybrid committees. —Daily News.

## Legal News.

Mr. Justice Lopes commenced the vacation sittings at the Rolls on Thursday last. There were over twenty cases in his paper, and the bar was well represented both by leaders and juniors.

On Thursday a parliamentary volume of nearly 600 folio pages was issued, containing the evidence given before the Committee on the Lunacy Laws. The committee report as follows:—"The committee, having regard to the short time which remains for consideration of their report during the present session, resolve to report the evidence to the House, and to express an opinion that the committee should be re-appointed next session for the purpose of agreeing upon a report to be submitted to the House."

On Saturday last a parliamentary paper was issued of the receipts and payments of the Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, Exchequer, and Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Divisions of the High Court of Justice, and of the Land Registry. The total receipts for the whole of the divisions, except the Land Registry, amounted in the year ending the 31st of March last to £233,751 4s. 6d., against £245,494 13s. 2d. in the preceding year, showing a decrease of £11,743 13s. 8d. With regard to the Land Registry, the receipts in the year ended the 31st of March last were in fees £837 3s., and the expenditure £6,020 13s. 2d., showing the "expenditure over receipts" to be £5,183 10s. 2d.

The Joint Committee on State Medicine of the British Medical and Social Science Associations has presented to the Earl of Beaconsfield a memorial which concludes with the following suggestions:—1. That the present existing distinctions between urban and rural sanitary districts should be removed, and that all sanitary authorities should be clothed with similar powers; and that these powers should be extended in order to enable them to carry out all purposes of local administration within their district. 2. That in each county or division of a county a representative authority of a high order should be constituted for the execution of joint works, to aid, and, in case of default, to exercise control over, district sanitary authorities.

In the House of Commons, on the 14th inst., Mr. Gourley asked the Attorney-General to state how far British ship-owners are amenable to British law when carrying contraband of war for neutral peoples other than British for the use of the Russian or Turkish Government; whether trading in horses by sale or transport for either of the belligerents by British subjects was a breach of the Foreign Enlistment Act; and whether he could define the meaning of "contraband of war". The Attorney-General said, "The carrying of contraband of war exposes the shipowner to the risk of having his ship seized and the contraband on board her confiscated, and, as a rule, to no other penalty. With respect to the trading in horses by sale or transport for either of the belligerents, I could not say whether such trading would be a breach of the Foreign Enlistment Act or not until I was made acquainted with the precise circumstances in which it occurred, and, indeed, I would prefer not to attempt to define what would or what would not constitute an infringement of this Act, as any statement by me on the subject might be regarded by British subjects and foreign Powers as a declaration proceeding from the Government, and not merely the expression of the opinion of a lawyer. As to the concluding question of the hon. gentleman, contraband of war may be defined roughly to consist in articles which it is probable will be used for the purposes of war, and which are being carried to a port of a belligerent."

A case of *Cohen v. Mitchell*, which was tried by Mr. Justice Lush without a jury, at the Leeds Assizes, raised a question of considerable importance. It was an action on a bill of exchange for £100. In February of the present year, Mitchell offered the bill in question to the plaintiff for discount. The plaintiff discounted it, retaining the sum of £8, and paying to Mitchell £92 in cash. It was a three months' bill. The plaintiff did not discover till he came to enter the bill in his bill-book, after Mitchell had left, that the date of the bill was the 29th of December, 1877, a period of ten months in advance of the time when the transaction took place. All parties treated the bill as one which was then running to maturity. The plaintiff, discovering what

he took to be a clerical error, altered the 7 into a 6, thus making the date of the bill the 29th of December, 1876. Evidence was tendered for the defendants to show that their intention was to date the bill on the 29th of January, 1877, and that the insertion of the 29th of December, 1877, was a mistake in the name of the month and not in the date of the year. His lordship rejected the evidence on this ground, that it was seeking to contradict and qualify the legal effect of the bill. In delivering judgment, he said, "It is established that the alteration of a bill in any material part by the holder makes the bill so varied null and void. If the figures denoting the year for this bill are to be considered material, the plaintiff cannot recover upon it; and as the amount he paid was not advanced by way of loan but by way of discount, in effect as a purchase of the bill, he cannot recover that either. On the other hand, if the alteration in the bill is such as not to vary its legal effect, then it is not a material alteration, and does not affect the holder's rights. I am of opinion the alteration of the figure 7 into a 6 was, in this case, an immaterial alteration. In construing contracts, words which are repugnant and insensible are to be rejected. If the year inserted in the bill had been 1777, or 1877, it plainly would have been repugnant and insensible; no one could have doubted that the date would have been rejected. The date of December, 1877, on a bill of three months, discounted in February, 1877, is also obviously a mistake, and is equally repugnant and insensible, and must on that ground be rejected, and the bill treated as if the date of the year had been left in blank, in which case the law would have supplied the only possible date, namely, December, 1876. This is the date which the plaintiff has inserted, and he has not in so doing altered the legal effect of the bill, and is therefore entitled to judgment."

## Legislation of the Week.

### HOUSE OF LORDS.

#### Aug. 10.—ROYAL COMMISSION.

The Royal assent was given by commission to the following Bills, the Royal commissioners being the Lord Chancellor, the Duke of Buccleuch, and Lord Skelmersdale:—Factories Acts Amendment, Registered Writs Execution (Scotland), Crown Office, Fisheries (Oysters, Crabs, and Lobsters), Justices' Clerks Superannuation, Superannuation (Mercantile Marine Fund Officers), Treasury Chest Fund, South Africa, Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, Winter Assizes, Prisons (Ireland), Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Caistor Union, &c.), St. Catherine's Harbour, Jersey; Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Joint Boards), Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Hyde, &c.), Birmingham and Lichfield Junction Railway, Burry Port and Gwendraeth Valley Railway, Glencairn Railway, Ipswich Dock, Kent Water, Lewes and East Grinstead Railway, London Street Tramways, Mersey Railway, Southampton Street Tramways, Tudhoe and Sunderland-bridge Gas, Cornwall Minerals Railway, Brighton and London Sea Water Supply, Welsh Pool and Llanfair Railway, Belfast Central Railway Extension, Fleming's Estate, and Chesterfield Estate (Nottingham Sewage).

#### METROPOLITAN STREETS IMPROVEMENT.

The Commons' reasons for disagreeing from one of the Lords' amendments were considered, and the Commons' consequential amendments were agreed to.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD'S PROVISIONAL ORDERS CONFIRMATION (ARTISANS' AND LABOURERS' DWELLINGS).  
The Commons' amendments to this Bill were agreed to.

#### FISHERIES (DYNAMITE).

This Bill was read a second time.

#### COUNTY OFFICERS AND COURTS (IRELAND).

This Bill passed through committee.

#### SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE (IRELAND).

This Bill passed through committee.

#### POLICE EXPENSES ACT CONTINUANCE.

This Bill passed through committee.

#### COLONIAL STOCKS.

This Bill passed through committee.

#### SHERIFF COURTS (SCOTLAND).

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### EAST INDIA LOAN.

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### METROPOLITAN BOARD OF WORKS (MONEY).

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### PRISONS (SCOTLAND).

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### PUBLIC LIBRARIES ACTS AMENDMENT (No. 2).

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### CANAL BOATS.

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### Aug. 11.—PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE.

The Commons' amendments to this Bill were agreed to.

#### TURNPIKE ACTS CONTINUANCE.

This Bill was read a second time.

#### FISHERIES (DYNAMITE).

This Bill went through its remaining stages.

#### COUNTY OFFICERS AND COURTS (IRELAND).

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE (IRELAND).

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### POLICE EXPENSES ACT CONTINUANCE.

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### COLONIAL STOCKS.

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### APPROPRIATION.

This Bill was read a first time.

Other Bills were also brought up from the Commons and read a first time.

#### Aug. 13.—EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUANCE.

This Bill was read a second time and passed through its remaining stages.

#### CONSOLIDATED FUND (APPROPRIATION).

This Bill was read a second time and passed through its remaining stages.

#### LOCAL TAXATION (RETURNS).

This Bill was read a second time and passed through its remaining stages.

#### TURNPIKE ACTS CONTINUANCE.

This Bill was read a third time and passed.

#### MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS (NEW CHARTERS).

The Commons' amendments to this Bill were agreed to.

#### MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACTS AMENDMENT.

Lord SUDELEY moved that this Bill be read a second time.—The Earl of REDESDALE said that he had no objection to the Bill being read a second time, but he protested against its going further this session. At three o'clock that day he made inquiries, and found that it had not been printed.—The LORD CHANCELLOR said that he had no objection to the Bill. On the contrary, he believed it was one which might well receive their lordships' assent; but he could not say that there were not other members of their lordships' House who, if they were in their places, might take exception to the measure. He suggested, therefore, that for the present session the noble lord (Lord Sudeley) should be content with obtaining a second reading for the Bill.—Lord SUDELEY, after what had been said by the Chairman of Committees and the Lord Chancellor, would not move the suspension of the Standing Orders.—The Bill was then read a second time.

#### Aug. 14.—ROYAL COMMISSION.

The Royal assent was given by commission to the following Bills, the Royal commissioners being the Lord Chancellor, the Duke of Richmond, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Earl of Harrowby, and Lord Skelmersdale:—Consolidated Fund (Appropriation), Legal Practitioners, Buildings Societies Act (1874) Amendment, East India Loan, Metropolitan Board of Works (Money), Public Libraries Acts Amendment (No. 2), Public Record Office, Fisheries (Dynamite), County Officers and Courts (Ireland), Supreme Court of Judicature (Ireland), Police Acts (Expenses) Continuance, Colonial Stock, Prisons (Scotland), Sheriff



Courts (Scotland), Canal Boats, Turnpike Acts Continuance, Expiring Laws Continuance, Destructive Insects, Municipal Corporations (New Charters), Local Taxation Returns, Solway Salmon Fisheries, Local Government Confirmation, Artisans' and Labourers' Dwellings, Local Government Board Provisional Orders Confirmation (Artisans' and Labourers' Dwellings), Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Atherton), &c., Dover and Deal Railway, Harrow and Rickmansworth Railway (Abandonment), Metropolitan District Railway (Ealing Extension), &c., Royal Dublin Society (No. 2), Metropolitan Streets Improvements, United General Gas Company (Limerick), Galway and Salthill Tramways, Cambrian Railways, London, Essex, and Kent Coast Junction Railway (Abandonment), Marquis of Anglesey's Estate, Beamish's Divorce.

QUEEN'S SPEECH.

The Queen's speech was read by the Lord Chancellor. The portion relating to legislation was as follows:—

"The proclamation of my sovereignty in the Transvaal has been received throughout the province with enthusiasm. It has also been accepted with marked satisfaction by the native chiefs and tribes; and the war, which threatened in its progress to compromise the safety of my subjects in South Africa, is happily brought to a close.

"I trust that the measure which has been passed to enable the European communities of South Africa to unite upon such terms as may be agreed on will be the means of preventing the recurrence of similar dangers, and will increase and consolidate the prosperity of this important part of my dominions.

"The measures which have been passed relating to the prisons of the United Kingdom will secure economy and efficiency in their management, and, at the same time, effect a considerable reduction in local burdens.

"The Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, under the Act to which I have gladly given my assent, will obtain power to extend more generally the benefit of the higher education.

"The Acts for re-organising the superior courts of justice in Ireland, and for reforming and conferring an extensive equitable jurisdiction on the county courts, will largely improve the administration of the law in that part of the United Kingdom.

"I anticipate the best results from the Act which extends to the Sheriff Courts of Scotland jurisdiction in regard to heritable rights."

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Aug. 10.—EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUANCE.

This Bill passed through committee.

TURNPIKE ACTS CONTINUANCE.

This Bill, as amended, was agreed to, and was also read a third time and passed.

APPROPRIATION.

This Bill passed through committee.

LOCAL TAXATION (RETURNS).

This Bill passed through committee, clause 5 being omitted.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS (NEW CHARTERS).

This Bill passed through committee.

BAR EDUCATION AND DISCIPLINE.

The order for going into committee on this Bill was postponed until the 11th inst.

DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS.

This Bill was read a second time.

CRIMINAL LAW PRACTICE AMENDMENT.

This Bill was withdrawn.

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACTS AMENDMENT.

This Bill, as amended, was considered.

Aug. 11.—BAR EDUCATION AND DISCIPLINE.

In answer to a question, the CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER said that he had communicated with the Lord Chancellor, and, considering the very late period of the session at which they had arrived, and the difficulty of obtaining a day for its discussion, the Government had come to the conclusion that in all circumstances it would

be better to drop the Bill for the present session.—The Bill was then withdrawn.

Dr. KENEALY asked whether the Government intended to re-introduce the Bill next session.—The CHANCELLOR of the EXCHEQUER was unable to say at present. It was a matter for the consideration of the Lord Chancellor; but he had no doubt that a Bill would be introduced next session on the subject.

EXPIRING LAWS CONTINUANCE.

This Bill was read a third time.

APPROPRIATION.

This Bill was read a third time.

LOCAL TAXATION (RETURNS).

The Lords' amendments to this Bill were agreed to.

PRISONS (SCOTLAND).

The Lords' amendments to this Bill were agreed to.

SHERIFF COURTS (SCOTLAND).

The Lords' amendments to this Bill were agreed to.

CANAL BOATS.

The Lords' amendments to this Bill were agreed to.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS (NEW CHARTERS).

This Bill was read a third time, the localities to be incorporated being fixed at places of 20,000 instead of 25,000 inhabitants, as originally proposed to be fixed in the Bill.

DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS.

This Bill was passed through committee and read a third time.

MATRIMONIAL CAUSES ACTS AMENDMENT.

This Bill was re-committed in order to the insertion of a formal amendment, and was then read a third time.

It is curious to note the small proportion of public Bills, introduced during the late session into the House of Commons and not passed, which were rejected by an actual vote of the House, notwithstanding the fact that nearly every Bill was objected to by one member or another at some stage of its existence. 238 public Bills either originated in the Lower House or were brought down to the Commons from the Lords. Of these, 109 have received the Royal assent, leaving 129 unpassed. Of this number only 16 were actually "put off for six months;" 52 were "withdrawn;" 3 were negatived without a division; 49 became, from various causes, "dropped orders;" and 2, the Forfeiture Relief and High Court of Justice (Costs), passed the Commons, but were thrown out in the Lords. The following 5 Bills were referred to select committees and reported upon, but did not advance further:—Companies Acts Amendment, Parliamentary and Municipal Registration, Parliamentary Electors' Registration, Registration of Borough Voters, and Thames River (Prevention of Floods). 2 Bills, both relating to the preservation of Plumstead-common, were stopped on account of the standing orders not having been complied with, and a report from the select committee that the orders could not be dispensed with.—Times.

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

Aug. 17, 1877.

GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3 per Cent. Consols, 93½     | Annuitias, April, '88, 94         |
| Ditto for Account Sep 3, 93½ | Do. (Red Sea T.) Aug. 1868        |
| Do. 3 per Cent. Reduced, 96  | Ex Bills, £1000, 3½ per Ct. 5 pm. |
| New 3 per Cent., 96          | Ditto, £500, Do, 5 pm.            |
| Do. 3½ per Cent., Jan. '94   | Ditto, £100 & £500, 5 pm.         |
| Do. 3½ per Cent., Jan. '94   | Bank of England Stock, — per      |
| Do. 5 per Cent., Jan. '78    | Ct. (last half-year), 206         |
| Annuitias, Jan. '80          | Ditto for Account.                |

INDIAN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

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| Ind. Stk., 5 per Cent., July, '80, 104½ | Inf. Fr. 5½ per Cent., May, '79, |
| Ditto for Account, —                    | Ditto Debentures, 4 per Cent.    |
| Ditto 4 per Cent., Oct. '88, 104½       | April, '84                       |
| Ditto, ditto, Certificates —            | Do. Do., 5 per Cent., Aug. '73   |
| Ditto Enforced Pfr., 4 per Cent. 88     | Do. Bonds, 4 per Cent. £1000     |
| 2nd Inf. Fr., 5 per C., Jan. '72        | Ditto, ditto, under £1000        |

## BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES.

## BIRTH.

**RIVAZ**—July 15, at Lahore, the wife of Henry T. Rivaz, barrister-at-law, of a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

**BLAKE—SEWELL**—Aug. 8, at Honingham, Norfolk, Walter Henry Blake, Lincoln's-inn, barrister-at-law, to Margaret, daughter of the late Clare Sewell, of Blackheath.

**LOMER—JAMES**—Aug. 9, at St. Peter's Church, Fareham, Walter Randall Lomer, solicitor, Southampton, to Alice Ellen, daughter of the late James James, of Fareham, Hants.

**WOODS—THOMPSON**—Aug. 14, at Christ Church, Mayfair, M. S. Grosvenor Woods, barrister-at-law, to Mary Amabel, youngest daughter of the late John Vincent Thompson, sergeant-at-law.

## LONDON GAZETTES.

## Winding up of Joint Stock Companies.

FRIDAY, Aug. 10, 1877.

**Canadian Land Reclaiming and Colonizing Company, Limited.**—The M.R. has, by an order, dated Aug. 2, appointed William Henry Fannell, Guildhall chambers, Basinghall st., to be official liquidator. Creditors are required, on or before Sept. 27, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to the above. Monday, Oct. 29, at 11.30, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

**Daily Express Newspaper Company, Limited.**—The M.R. has fixed Aug. 21, at 11, at his chambers, as the time and place for the appointment of an official liquidator.

**Direct Supply Association, Limited.**—By an order made by V.C. Malins, dated July 27, it was ordered that the above association be wound up. Chapman & Co, Lincoln's inn fields, solicitors for the petitioners.

**International Bank, Limited.**—Creditors are required on or before Jan. 1, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Sam Gray, Nicholas lane. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 12, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

**Oakham Collieries Company, Limited.**—By an order made by the M.R., dated Aug. 4, it was ordered that the above company be wound up. Needham, New inn, solicitor for the petitioners. The M.R. has fixed Thursday, Aug. 23, at 12, at his chambers, as the time and place for the appointment of an official liquidator.

**Soap and Chemical Works Company, Limited.**—By an order made by V.C. Bacon, dated Aug. 1, it was ordered that the voluntary winding up of the above company be continued. Flux and Co, East India avenue, solicitors for the petitioners.

**Stockton Iron Furnace Company, Limited.**—V.C. Bacon has fixed Aug. 21, at 12, at the chambers of the M.R., as the time and place for the appointment of an official liquidator.

**Tunnescoort Mining and Land Company, Limited.**—V.C. Bacon has, by an order, dated July 21, removed George Rogers, and appointed Francis Hughes Webb, Westminster chambers, Victoria st., to be official liquidator. Creditors are required, on or before Sept. 28, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims. Thursday, Nov. 1, at 12, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

**Van Consoels Lead and Barytes Mining Company, Limited.**—Creditors are required, on or before Sept. 29, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Henry Wilson and Adam Murray, Bartholomew House, Bartholomew lane, the provisional official liquidators. Monday Oct. 29, at 11, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

TUESDAY, Aug. 14, 1877.

LIMITED IN CHANCERY.

**Alton Coal, Coke, and Iron Company, Limited.**—By an order made by the M.R., dated Aug. 4, it was ordered that the above company be wound up. Nokes, Queen Victoria st, solicitor for the petitioner.

**Bath Colliery Company, Limited.**—V.C. Malins has, by an order, dated July 27, appointed Frederick Winnney, Old Jewry, to be official liquidator.

**Direct Supply Association, Limited.**—V.C. Malins has, by an order, dated Aug. 2, appointed Edward Norton Harper, Cowper's court, Cornhill, to be official liquidator.

**Esparto Trading Company, Limited.**—V.C. Hall has, by an order, dated Nov. 23, appointed Baker Philip Daniels, Poultry, to be official liquidator. Creditors are required, on or before Oct. 1, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to the above. Monday, Oct. 29, at 12, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

**File Art Publishing Company, Limited.**—The M.R. has, by an order, dated July 23, appointed Frederick Forster Buffen, Wool Exchange, Coleman st., to be official liquidator. Creditors are required, on or before Sept. 27, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to the above. Monday, Oct. 29, at 11.30, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

**Great West Van Lead Mining Company, Limited.**—By an order made by the M.R., dated Aug. 4, it was ordered that the above company be wound up. Winsor, Chancery lane, solicitor for the petitioner.

**Hawne Collieries Company, Limited.**—V.C. Malins has, by an order, dated Aug. 3, appointed William Henry McCreight, Raymond buildings, Gray's Inn, to be official liquidator. Creditors are required, on or before Sept. 29, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to the above. Saturday, Oct. 27, at 12, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

**Home and Foreign Gas Licensing Company, Limited.**—By an order made by the M.R., dated Aug. 3, it was ordered that the above company be wound up. Newman and Co, agents for Stubbins, Birmingham.

**Liverton Ironstone Company, Limited.**—Petition for winding up, presented Aug. 8, accepted to be heard before V.C. Malins, on Nov. 3, Fox, Chancery lane, solicitor for the petitioners.

**Metal Tube Company, Limited.**—Creditors are required, on or before Oct. 1, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to John Weise, of the firm of Turquand and Co, Tokenhouse yard, the official liquidator. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 12, is appointed for adjudicating on the debts and claims.

**Old Talargoch Lead Mining Company, Limited.**—Creditors are required, on or before Oct. 1, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Richard Vyvyan Tregellas, Warburgh st, Chester. Friday Oct. 26, at 12, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

**Pennant Vale Slate Quarry and Copper Mine Company, Limited.**—By an order made by the M.R., dated Aug. 4, it was ordered that the above company be wound up. Tyas and Hantington, King st, Cheapside, solicitors for the petitioner.

**Vale of Rheidol Silver Lead Mining Company, Limited.**—Creditors are required, on or before Sept. 19, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to John Henry Tilly, Victoria buildings, Queen Victoria st, the official liquidator. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 12, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

**Vronheulog Slate Company, Limited.**—Creditors are required, on or before Oct. 10, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, to Henry Spain the younger, Gresham buildings, Basinghall st, the official liquidator. Wednesday Nov. 7, at 12, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the debts and claims.

## STANWARTS OF CORNWALL.

**Trerbyn Trevanion China Clay and Tin Company, Limited.**—By an order made by the Vice-Warden, it was ordered that the above company be wound up. Paull, Truro, solicitor for the petitioner.

**Tucker's Downs Mining Company.**—Petition for winding up, presented Aug. 10, directed to be heard before the Vice-Warden, at the Prince's Hall, Truro, on Aug. 21, at 10. Affidavits intended to be used at the hearing, in opposition to the petition, must be filed at the registrar's office, Truro, on or before Aug. 17, and notice thereof must at the same time be given to the petitioners or their solicitor. Chilcote, Truro, solicitor for the petitioner.

**West Jewell Tin Mining Company, Limited.**—By an order made by the Vice-Warden, it was ordered that the above company be wound up. Dobell, Truro, agent for Beall, Queen's buildings, Queen Victoria st, solicitor for the petitioner.

## STANWARTS OF DEVON.

**Frank Mills Mining Company.**—Petition for winding up, presented Aug. 19, directed to be heard before the Vice-Warden at the Prince's Hall, Truro, on Aug. 21, at 10. Affidavits intended to be used at the hearing, in opposition to the petition, must be filed at the registrar's office, Truro, on or before Aug. 17 and notice thereof must at the same time be given to the petitioners, their solicitors, or their agents, Hodge and Co, Truro, agents for Downing and Paize, Redruth, solicitors for the said petitioners.

## Creditors under Estates in Chancery.

Last Day of Proof.

TUESDAY, Aug. 7, 1877.

**Barrel, Justinian, Jun, Craxwick, Victoria. Dec 1. Clayton v Butcher, M.R.**

**Buckland, Susannah, Wyardebury, Bucks. Oct 10. Buckland v Long, M.R. Long and Co, Windsor**

**Cowley, James, sen, Hendon. Oct 1. Jackson v Cowley, V.C. Hall**

**Woodbridge and Sons, Clifford's inn**

**Greene, Matthew Charles, Havestock hill. Oct 10. Andrew v Greene, V.C. Hall. Leams and Co, Abbeon chambers, Fishbury place south**

**Griffiths, Thomas, Neath, Glamorgan, Tailor. Sept 29. Griffiths v Davies, V.C. Malins. Jones, Neath**

**Murray, Ann Eliza, St Joseph's, Michigan. Oct 31. Willan v Plummer, M.R.**

**Walker, Charles, Force Forge, Lancashire, Gent. Oct 1. Walker v Heslie, M.R. Heslie, Hawkhead, Westmoreland**

**White, John, Warburg, Amhurst park, Stamford hill. Sept 30. White v White, V.C. Hall. Pontifex, St Andrew's st, Holborn circus**

**Wilkinson, Sarah, Blackwell, Durham. Oct 31. Willan v Plummer, M.R.**

**Young, Thomas, Barnes common, Surrey, Gent. Oct 30. Clarke v Mortimore, V.C. Malins**

FRIDAY, Aug. 10, 1877.

**Heming, Samuel, Great Aine, Warwick, Farmer. Nov 1. Brookes v Watson, V.C. Hall**

**Hilditch, Charles, Audley, Stafford, Solicitor. Aug 31. Hilditch v Hilditch, V.C. Malins. Sherratt, Kidsgrove**

**Nourse, Henrietta Charlotte, Bath. Oct 20. Newton v Phinson, M.R. Couchman, Henley-in-Arden**

**Partridge, John, Chapner, Devon, Esq. Oct 1. Partridge v Taylor, V.C. Bacon. Geare, Lincoln's inn fields**

**Peppitt, William, Bootle, Lancashire, Gent. Oct 31. Chester v Phillips, V.C. Bacon**

**Wood, Joseph Thomas, Strand. Sept 30. Wood v Trevelion, V.C. Hall. Price, Walbrook**

TUESDAY, Aug. 14, 1877.

**Aston, William Henry, Huddersfield, York, Cloth Finisher. Sept 27. Hirst v Aston, M.R. Barker, Huddersfield**

**Barnard, Richard, Kingston Bapize, Berks, Farmer. Oct 1. Barnard v Barnard, V.C. Malins. Bartlett, Abingdon**

**Brett, John, Ipswich, Suffolk, Gent. Sept 30. Smith v Condon, V.C. Hall. Greenfield, Abchurch lane**

**Cook, Henry, Bourton, Berks. Oct 1. Belcher v Cook, V.C. Hall. Kinair, Brindon**

**Cope, David, Birmingham, Brass Founder. Oct 10. Whitehead v Barker, V.C. Hall. Milward, Birmingham**

**Cro, Neville, Ashdon, Essex, Farmer. Sept 21. Green v Cro, M.R. Thargood, Saffron Walden**

**Dalton, George, Sheffield, Carver. Oct 10. Harrison and Co v Dalton, M.R. Auty, Sheffield**

**Davis, Thomas, Priors Marston, Warwick, Yeoman. Nov 1. Beers v Henning, V.C. Hall**



**Dow, John, Bull and Mouth st, Surgeon.** Oct 1. *Dow v Dow, V.O.*  
**Malins, Chamberlain, Finsbury sq**  
**Freeman, John, Newark-upon-Trent, Nottingham, Woollen Shirt Manufacturer.** Oct 15. *Freeman v Pratt, V.O. Malins, Pratt, Newark-upon-Trent*  
**Glyn, Edward, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Attorney-at-Law.** Oct 1. *Glyn v Cowen, V.O. Hall, Laws and Co, Newcastle-upon-Tyne*  
**Green, Joseph, Seplimas, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northumberland, Surgeon.** Sept 29. *Jowett v Green, V.O. Malins, Forster, Newcastle-upon-Tyne*  
**Hart, James, Newnham, Cambridge, Gent.** Sept 29. *Sarson v Barrymore, V.C. Malins. Feed, Cambridge*  
**Jones, John, Neath, Glamorgan, Tinnman.** Oct 22. *Jones v Shilling, V.O. Malins*  
**Jones, Robert, Bodoryn, Denbigh, Farmer.** Sept 29. *Kerfoot v Kerfoot, V.C. Malins. Roberts, Rhyll*  
**Le Messurier, Augustus Smith, Upper Baker st, Regent's park, Esq.** Oct 1. *Le Messurier v Le Messurier, V.C. Hall. Watson, Dyer's hall, Downgate hill*  
**Light, Charles, Kingsland rd, Gent.** Oct 1. *Light v Light, V.O. Hall.*  
**Angill and Terry, Gresham st**  
**McLean, Peter, Hastings, Sussex.** Oct 1. *McLean v Hoather, V.C. Hall, Senior, Richmond*  
**Milroy, Andrew Haigh, Sun court, Cornhill.** Sept 29. *Oakeshott v Smith, V.C. Malins. Smith, Furnival's inn, Holborn*  
**Poller, Christopher, Erdington, Warwick, Gent.** Sept 29. *Poller v Pagg, V.C. Malins. Atkins, Birmingham*  
**Schlesberg, Kohly, and Co, Havana.** Oct 20. *Suse v Schultz, V.C. Malins. Mathews, Cannon st*  
**Sheppard, William, London, Goldsmith.** Sept 25. *Sheppard v Howell, M.R. Worley, Stony Stratford*  
**Thorp, Frederick William, St Ives, Huntingdon, Solicitor.** Oct 1. *Thorp v Thorp, M.R. Watts, St Ives*  
**Wain, Ann, Totford place, Bermondsey.** Oct 1. *Drew v Sealey, V.C. Malins. Vant, Leadonhall*  
**Walker, Eleanor, Froxwich, Lancashire.** Sept 30. *McAnlay v Dickenson, V.C. Hall. Gill and Co, Manchester*  
**Wallis, George, Bristol, Accountant.** Oct 1. *Aplin v Wallis, M.R. Sweeney, Bristol*  
**Whitehouse, John, Oakham, Dudley, Worcester, Gent.** Oct 1. *Hartland v Cooke, M.R. Hollier, West Bromwich*  
**Young, William, Mildenhall, Wilts, Yeoman.** Oct 29. *Hillier v Clark, V.O. Malins*

## Creditors under 22 &amp; 23 Vict. cap. 35.

Last Day of Claim.

FRIDAY, Aug. 3, 1877.

**Best, Thomas, Highgate rd, Licensed Victualler.** Sept 7. *Wilson, Great James st, Bedford row*  
**Butan, Charles, Hulme, Manchester, Retired Beerhouse Keeper.** Sept 11. *Bond and Son, Manchester*  
**Bingham, William, Chesterfield, Derby, Grocer.** Oct 6. *Bunting, Chesterfield*  
**Bird, Richard, Circus rd, St John's wood, General H.M.'s Indian Army.** Sept 1. *Southgate, King's Bench walk, Temple*  
**Brown, Rev George Whitehead, Southport, Lancashire.** Sept 28. *Gartside, Ashton-under-Lyne*  
**Buckley, William Smith, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, Cotton Spinner.** Sept 28. *Gartside, Ashton-under-Lyne*  
**Eyan, Edward Gamage, Woolston, Hants.** Aug 25. *Sharp and Co, Southampton*  
**Challiner, Charles Edward, Hanley, Stafford, Solicitor.** Sept 29. *Norris and Co, Bedford row*  
**Child, Frances, Heigham, Norwich.** Oct 1. *Ladell, Norwich*  
**Davis, Henry, Manchester.** Oct 30. *Whitaker, Lancaster place, Strand*  
**Dobie, Andrew, Llangunider, Brecon, Farmer.** Aug 30. *Lewis, Crickhowell*  
**Earle, George Foster, Kingston-upon-Hull, Esq.** Oct 1. *Holden and Co, Hull*  
**Emble, Right Hon Thomas Americus, Baron, Hillside, Alderley Edge, Cheshire.** Sept 10. *Cookson and Co, New sq, Lincoln's inn*  
**Gard, Robert, Ipswich, Suffolk, Gent.** Sept 29. *William Turner, Old Butcher market*  
**Gill, Ann, Billy row, nr Crook, Durham.** Oct 1. *Trotter and Co, Bishop Auckland*  
**Goulding, Anne, Surrey rd, Norwich.** Sept 1. *Lydall, Southampton buildings, Chancery lane*  
**Hackett, Sir William, Knight, Colombo, Ceylon, Chief Justice Island of Ceylon.** Oct 3. *Tamplin and Co, Fenchurch st*  
**Baxter, Charles, Southampton, Biscuit Baker.** Sept 1. *Shutte, Southampton*  
**Hill, John, Kirkdale, Liverpool, Licensed Victualler.** Sept 19. *Whitley and Madcock, Liverpool*  
**Lowndes, Emily, West Cromwell rd, Kensington.** Sept 14. *Whitley and Madcock, Liverpool*  
**Mariand, James, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, Butcher.** Sept 28. *Gartside, Ashton-under-Lyne*  
**Marsman, John Clarke, Redcliffe sq, South Kensington, Esq.** Sept 18. *Chantrell and Co, Lincoln's inn fields*  
**Myer, Heinrich, Aehim, Hanover, Germany, Gent.** Sept 30. *Fieldier and Hammer, Goldman st, Doctors' commons*  
**Moore, Amos, Wigan, Lancashire, Butcher.** Sept 15. *Wood, Wigan*  
**Moss, Sally, Liverpool.** Sept 10. *Lousada and Emanuel, Austrians*  
**Newberry, William Boucher, Eppingham st, Pimlico, Gent.** Sept 1. *Smith, Denbigh st*  
**Best, Elizabeth, Tufnell place, Upper Holloway.** Sept 20. *George, Chancery lane*  
**Smith, Joseph, Chemsford, Essex, Gent.** Sept 10. *Beaumont and Warren, Chancery lane*  
**Strickland, Hannah, Manchester.** Sept 28. *Gartside, Ashton-under-Lyne*  
**Thomas, Lewis, Swansea, Glamorgan, Solicitor.** Oct 1. *Strick and Bellingham, Swansea*  
**Williams, John, Lower Norwood, Surrey, Licensed Victualler.** Sept 20. *Farnfield, Lower Thames st*

## Bankrupts.

FRIDAY, Aug. 10, 1877.

Under the Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

Creditors must forward their proofs of debts to the Registrar. To Surrender in London.

**Austin, Henry Selwood, Old Jewry, Solicitor.** Pet Aug 8. *Keene.* Aug 23 at 12.30  
**Jelen, Julien, Great Russell street, Bloomsbury, Dealer in Antiquities.** Pet Aug 6. *Keene.* Aug 23 at 11  
**Manito, Jerome Fulgentius, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Merchant.** Pet Aug 7. *Keene.* Sept 19 at 11  
**Reeves, Edmund Burke, Fenchurch st, Insurance Broker.** Pet Aug 7. *Keene.* Aug 24 at 11

To Surrender in the Country.

**Furnace, John, Seaton, Cumberland, Tailor.** Pet Aug 7. *Waugh.* Cockermouth, Aug 25 at 11  
**Gillan, Rev James Henry, Devoran, Cornwall.** Pet Aug 8. *Chilcott.* Truro, Aug 22 at 11  
**Haigh, Henry, Milnsbridge, York, Dyer.** App Aug 3. *Giffard.* Huddersfield, Aug 29 at 11  
**Masterson, Joseph, Cambridge.** Pet Aug 8. *Eaden.* Cambridge, Aug 23 at 3  
**Williams, Mary, Penypark, Carnarvon, Flour Dealer.** Pet Aug 7. *Jones.* Bangor, Aug 23 at 2

TUESDAY, Aug. 14, 1877.

Under the Bankruptcy Act, 1869.

Creditors must forward their proofs of debts to the Registrar. To Surrender in London.

**Coriass, Frederic Sydney, Boundary lane, Camberwell.** Pet Aug 10. *Pepps.* Aug 24 at 12  
**Holmes, Charles, Kent st, Borough, Baker.** Pet Aug 9. *Keene.* Aug 29 at 11  
**Sorgosa, Carlo, Queen's rd, Bayswater, Confectioner.** Pet Aug 11. *Pepps.* Aug 30 at 11  
**Varley, Richard, Upper No rwood.** Pet Aug 12. *Pepps.* Aug 24 at 11.30

To Surrender in the Country.

**Award, James, Rotherfield, Suss ex, Blacksmith.** Pet Aug 10. *Cripps.* Tunbridge Wells, Aug 27 at 3  
**Beaumont, George, West Croydon.** Pet Aug 10. *Rowland.* Croydon, Aug 31 at 2  
**Chapman, John, Folkestone, Surgeon.** Pet Aug 10. *Furley.* Canterbury, Aug 27 at 2  
**Church, William Bland, and George Guy Maples, Swadincote, Derby, Colliery Proprietors.** Pet Aug 1. *Rubbersty.* Burton-upon-Trent, Aug 29 at 1.30  
**Haraham, John Henry, Furtess, Potato Dealer.** Pet Aug 2. *Howard.* Portsmouth, Oct 4 at 12  
**Williams, Joseph, Bedweilry, Mon, Traffic Manager.** Pet Aug 11. *Shepard.* Tredegar, Aug 29 at 11

## BANKRUPTCIES ANNULLED.

FRIDAY, Aug. 10, 1877.

**Brewer, Richard, Mellanose, Cornwall, Miller.** Aug 7  
**Marland, John, Hollinwood, nr Manchester, Colliery Proprietor.** Aug 3

TUESDAY, Aug. 14, 1877.

**Beames, Pearson Thomas, Stogursey, Somerset, Esq.** Aug 8  
**Sandys, Frederick, Spencer st, Westminster, Artist.** Aug 9

## Liquidations by Arrangement.

## FIRST MEETINGS OF CREDITORS.

FRIDAY, Aug. 10, 1877.

**Adams, Charles, Holdenhurst, Hants, Dairyman.** Aug 27 at 3 at Laing's Hotel, Wimbore, Dorset. *Aldridge and Sharp*  
**Beckett, John George, Strand, Auctioneer.** Aug 21 at 12 at Mallen's Hotel, Ironmonger lane. *Fullen, Basinghall st*  
**Bellman, Henry Joseph, Noble st, Falcon sq, Fire Manufacturer.** Aug 30 at 2 at offices of Swaine, Cheapside  
**Bennett, John, Kidderminster, Tailor.** Aug 17 at 3.30 at offices of Miller and Co, Baxter chambers, Church st, Kidderminster  
**Benson, George, Worcester, Tailor.** Aug 23 at 11 at offices of Miller, Broad st, Worcester  
**Boucher, William, Derby, Draper.** Aug 29 at 12 at the County Hotel, St Mary's gate, Derby. *Briggs, Derby*  
**Bondy, Thomas, Monkigh, Devon, Miller.** Aug 23 at 12 at offices of Croker and Bursley, Bridgeland st, Bideford  
**Brooks, John, Miles Platting, nr Manchester, Builder.** Aug 27 at 3 at offices of Sutton and Elliott, Fountain st, Manchester  
**Brown, David, Bracebridge, Lincoln, Carpenter.** Aug 25 at 11 at offices of Page, Jan, Flaxengate, Lincoln  
**Carson, James, Hay, Brecon, Grocer.** Aug 25 at 2 at the Green Dragon Hotel, Broad st, Hereford. *Page, Hay*  
**Chambers, Robert, Gools, York, Fruit Merchant.** Aug 18 at 1 at the Sydney Hotel, Gools. *Summers, Hull*  
**Cocke, Edward, Aston, nr Birmingham, Labourer.** Aug 18 at 12 at Queen's Hotel, George's sq, Glasgow. *Summers, Hull*  
**Coppa, John, Birmingham, Manufacturer.** Aug 21 at 11 at offices of Rawlings, Ann st, Birmingham  
**Corkey, Henry, High st, Lower Norwood, Grocer.** Aug 27 at 3 at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham st. *Lovett, King William st*  
**Craven, Hartley, Clockheaton, York, Slate Merchant.** Aug 27 at 11 at offices of Hutchinson, Piccadilly chambers, Piccadilly, Bradford  
**Crawford, William, East Dereham, Norfolk, Shoemaker.** Aug 23 at 11 at offices of Wright and Barton, East Dereham  
**Dalling, Francis, Kingston-upon-Hull, Draper.** Aug 23 at 12 at the Queen's Hotel, George's sq, Glasgow. *Summers, Hull*  
**Davis, William Jones, Wroxham, Denbigh, Tailor.** Aug 23 at 3 at the King's Arms Hotel, Spring gardens, Manche ster. *Orton, Manchester*  
**Davis, Frederick, Birmingham, Beer Retailer's Manager.** Aug 30 at 10.15 at offices of East, Eldon chambers, Cherry st, Birmingham

- Deisman, William, Derby, Baker. Aug 25 at 11 at offices of Hexall, Full st, Derby
- Dent, Joseph, Helen st, St George's-in-the-East, Grocer. Aug 23 at 2 at offices of Collins and Wilkinson, King William st
- Drew, Ambrose, Clindford rd, East Dean, Gloucester, Grocer. Aug 17 at 11 at offices of Collins, jun, Broad st, Bristol. Parker, Newnham
- Edwards, Frederick, Birmingham, out of business. Aug 21 at 11 at offices of Fallows, Cherry st, Birmingham
- Ellis, Thomas Jones, Four Crosses, Festiniog, Chemist. Aug 24 at 2 at offices of Ellis, Four Crosses
- Eydon, John, Shatlanger, Northampton, Carpenter. Aug 24 at 3 at offices of Howes, High st, Tewchester. Percival, Towcester
- Farmer, James, Wolverhampton, Licensed Victualler. Aug 25 at 11 at offices of Barrow, Queen st, Wolverhampton
- Featherstone, Thomas, Pershore, Worcester, Licensed Victualler. Aug 22 at 11 at the Unicorn Hotel, Worcester. Martin, Pershore
- Freeman, Frederic Aaron, Hoxton st, Hoxton, Traveller. Aug 16 at 11 at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New rd. Rigby, Avenue rd, Camberwell
- Frost, Edwin, Fishponds, Gloucester, out of business. Aug 18 at 12 at offices of Clifton, Corn st, Bristol
- Gent, George, Queen's rd, Bayswater, Decorator. Aug 24 at 3 at offices of Briggs, Great James st, Bedford row
- Godwin, John, Aston, nr Birmingham, General Dealer. Aug 24 at 2 at offices of Cheston, Moor st, Birmingham
- Greenfield, George, Grafton rd, Holloway, Builder. Aug 18 at 10 at 6, Southampton buildings, Chancery lane, Howard
- Grout, Joseph, Ashford, Kent, China Warehouseman, and the said Joseph Grout and Arthur Grout, Northfleet, Kent, Grocers. Aug 24 at 3 at offices of Duncan and Co, Bloomsbury sq. Hallett and Co, Ashford
- Harries, Thomas, Isells, Pembroke, Licensed Victualler. Aug 25 at 11 at offices of Lascelles, Narberth
- Harrison, Emma, Ancoats, Manchester, Dealer in China. Aug 28 at 3 at offices of Garthwaite, Besenmore st, Manchester
- Hassfield, John, Donington, Lincoln, Farmer. Aug 24 at 1 at the White Hart Inn, Spalding. Staniland and Wigelsworth, Boston
- Hirst, Joseph, Birstal, York, General Dealer. Aug 23 at 10 at offices of Wooler, Exchange building, Batley
- Hoffen, Samuel, Nottingham, Cab Driver. Sept 4 at 12 at offices of Bright, Town Club chambers, Wheelersgate, Nottingham
- Howells, Elizabeth, St Isells, Pembroke, Grocer. Aug 20 at 9 at the Guildhall, Carmarthen. Gwynne and Stokes, Tenby
- Hunt, William, Aston, Warwick, Commercial Traveller. Aug 21 at 12 at offices of Fallows, Cherry st, Birmingham
- Ind, James, Stoke-upon-Trent, Engine Fitter. Aug 25 at 11 at offices of Radford, St Edward st, Leek
- King, Henry, Bristol, Grocer. Aug 23 at 11 at offices of J. S. Pitt, Broad st, Bristol. W. A. Pitt, Bristol
- Lord, James, Manchester, Accountant. Aug 29 at 3 at the Falsstaff Hotel, Market place, Manchester. Ward, Manchester
- Lyns, Frederick, Adam, Chatham, Engineer R.N. Aug 27 at 12 at the Bull Hotel, Rochester. Copland, Sheerness
- Marshall, Frederick, Bulwell, Nottingham, Boot Maker. Sept 3 at 12 at offices of Brittle, St Peter's chambers, St Peter's gate, Nottingham
- Marshall, Henry Edward Basham, Mincing lane, Dealer in Colonial Produce. Aug 30 at 3 at offices of Young, Newgate st
- Mason, Frederick, Brewer's lane, Upper Thames st, Stationer. Aug 20 at 3 at offices of Chipperfield, Trinity st, Southwark
- McFarlane, John, Bradford, nr Manchester, Shopkeeper. Aug 29 at 3 at offices of Knowles, Tib lane, Cross st, Manchester
- Merriman, Josiah John, Poet's corner, Westminster, Solicitor. Aug 30 at 3 at the Tons of Court Hotel, High Holborn. Lewis and Lewis, Ely place, Holborn
- Milnes, Thomas, Oldham, Cotton Spinner. Aug 24 at 3 at the Mitre Hotel, Cathedral yard, Manchester. Ascroft and Sons, Oldham
- Moore, Henry, Torquay, Fruiterer. Aug 22 at 12 at the Half Moon Hotel, Exeter. Kitson
- Morris, John, Wolverhampton, Butcher. Aug 23 at 12 at offices of Dallow, Queen sq. Wolverhampton
- Murphy, Neil, Wolverhampton, Fish Merchant. Aug 23 at 11 at offices of Stratton and Rudland, Queen st, Wolverhampton
- Neech, John, Dulwich. Aug 20 at 2 at offices of Pullen, Basinghall st
- Pearson, John, Middlesborough, Wathamian. Aug 13 at 1 at offices of Hope and Co, Exchange place, Middlesborough
- Pemberton, George Reece, Birmingham, Wire Worker. Aug 18 at 10.15 at offices of East, Eldon chambers, Cherry st, Birmingham
- Plummer, John, Outram st, Caledonian rly, Baker. Aug 23 at 3 at offices of Lewis and Sons, Wilmington sq, Clerkenwell
- Fryor, Alfred, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Wine Merchant. Aug 22 at 12 at offices of Bush, St Nicholas buildings, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
- Robson, John Thomas, Grimsby, at Gray's inn rd, Sawyer. Aug 23 at 3 at offices of Henthfield and Son, Lincoln's inn fields
- Rose, Helen, Wimborne Minster, Dorset, Boot Vendor. Aug 23 at 11 at offices of Moore and Harvey, Wimborne Minster
- Roulston, William Moss, Birmingham, Commission Agent. Aug 23 at 3 at offices of Hodgson, Waterloo st, Birmingham
- Rowlan, Eli, Devonport, Grocer. Aug 23 at 12 at offices of Sole and Gill, St Aubyn st, Devonport
- Smith, Charles, Burton-on-Trent, Brewer's Clerk. Aug 22 at 2 at offices of Bess and Jennings, Bridge st, Burton-on-Trent
- Smeaton, William, Sutton, York, Gloe Manufacturer. Aug 23 at 11 at offices of Stead and Sykes, Bishop lane, Kingston-upon-Hull
- Stephens, George, Bournemouth, General Fancy Dealer. Aug 22 at 2 at Hasell's Hotel, Strand. Harrison, Adelphi chambers, Strand
- Taylor, Jonathan, Bury, Lancashire, General Dealer. Aug 24 at 3 at the Albion Hotel, Haymarket st, Bury. Worth
- Taylor, Joseph Fenwick, and George Robert Scougall, South Shields, Oil Merchants. Aug 23 at 3 at offices of Mabane, Barrington st, South Shields
- Thornton, Joseph, Bradford, Mason. Aug 28 at 4 at offices of Atkinson, Tyndal st, Bradford
- Tustin, George William, Charles Lynn Rooper, and Abel Sergius Henry D'Avigdor, Bramley rd, Notting hill, Brewers. Aug 22 at 12 at offices of the Incorporated Law Society, Chancery lane. Burchells, Broad, Sanctuary, Westminster
- Waller, Samuel John, Melton Constable, Norfolk, Farmer. Sept 4 at 11 at offices of Watson, Corn Hill, Fakenham
- Weaver, George, Wheeler gate, Haverstock hill, Cigar Merchant. Aug 29 at 3 at offices of Gammon, Barge yard, Bookbinder
- Whybrow, George, Hill st, Peckham, Carpenter. Aug 30 at 4 at 37, Bedford row. Marshall
- Windle, Robert, Longhope, Gloucester, Farmer. Aug 23 (and not 20 as in last Gazette) at 11 at 45, Eastgate st, Gloucester. Franklin
- Wood, Benjamin, and Thomas Appleby, Leeds, Wholesale Collections. Aug 23 at 2 at offices of Bond and Barwick, Albion place, Leeds
- Young, Arthur, Portishead, Somerset, Baker. Aug 23 at 12 at offices of Tricks and Co, City chambers Nicholas st, Bristol. Clifton, Bristol

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- Adams, Ralf, Moston, Lancashire, Builder. Aug 23 at 12 at offices of Slater and Poole, Norfolk st, Manchester
- Ansell, Charles Godfrey, Southsea, Hants, Bookseller. Aug 30 at 12 at 145, Chesapeake. Cousins and Burbridge, Portsmouth
- Barczinsky, Herman, North Shields, Tailor. Aug 25 at 12 at offices of Joel, Newgate st, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
- Beswetherick, William, Bodmin, Cornwall, Draper. Aug 27 at 2 at the Half Moon Hotel, High st, Exeter. Collins, Bodmin
- Billingham, Samuel, Handsworth, Stafford, Chain Maker. Aug 29 at 11 at offices of Stokes, Priory st, Dudley
- Brad, or, Henry, South vt, Lancashire, Bricklayer. Aug 29 at 11 at offices of Hudson and Fybus, Zealand rd, Middlesborough. Taylor, Stockton-on-Tees
- Bridge, John, Ripley, Licensed Victualler. Sept 4 at 11 at offices of Flint, Full st, Derby
- Broadstock, William, Cheltenham, out of business. Aug 28 at 3 at offices of Haines, St John's lane, Gloucester
- Bunn, Thomas Bewicke, South Bank, York, Grocer. Aug 27 at 12 at the Black Lion Hotel, Stockton-on-Tees. Ward, Middlesborough
- Cawright, George Charles, Wellesley rd, Chiswick, out of business. Aug 28 at 1 at offices of Westall, Strand
- Cawston, Abraham Charles, Colchester, Horse Dealer. Aug 23 at 3 at the Fleets Hotel, Head st, Colchester. Goody, Colchester
- Clift, John, Basingstoke, Engineer. Aug 28 at 1 at offices of Webb, Cross st, Basingstoke
- Collyer, Osman Henry, Glastonbury, Somerset, Watchmaker. Aug 27 at 1 at offices of Plummer, Bristol chambers, Nicholas st, Bristol
- Conniffe, Patrick, Walsall, Draper. Aug 29 at 11 at offices of Stanley, Bridge st, Walsall
- Cooper, Joseph, and Henry Richard Branch, High st, Borough, Fancy Cabinet Makers. Aug 20 (and not 26, as erroneously printed in last Gazette) at 2 at offices of West, Queen Victoria st
- Cooper, William, Hanley, Grocer. Aug 23 at 11 at offices of Stevenson, Cheapside, Hanley
- Cornish, William, Corton, Wilts. Aug 39 at 12 at offices of Wakeman and Bioeck, Warminster
- Craigie, John, H.M.S. Vengeance, Dockyard, Keyham, Devon, Lieutenant R.M.L.I. Aug 27 at 12 at offices of Phillips, Frankfort, Plymouth
- Cranston, William, Leeds, Cloth Manufacturer. Aug 27 at 3 at offices of Routh and Co, Royal Insurance buildings, Park row, Leeds. Pullan
- Cranwick, Henry Sharpe, Scunthorpe, Lincoln, Joiner. Aug 20 at 2.30 at the Royal Hotel, Great Grimsby. Spurr, Hull
- Davis, Montague Alexander, and Barnett Meyers, jun, Southwark st, Cane Merchant. Aug 27 at 2 at offices of Salaman, King st, Chapside
- Dockett, Frederick George, Bristol, Accountant. Aug 25 at 11 at 16, John st, Bristol
- Duder, Samuel, Pomeroy, Glamorgan, Master Mariner. Aug 27 at 1.30 at the Grand Hotel, Bristol
- Entwistle, James, Wigan, Draper. Aug 28 at 11 at the Home Trade Association Rooms, York st, Manchester. France, Wigan
- Etches, Enoch, Manchester, Watchmaker. Aug 24 at 3 at offices of Horner and Son, Clarence st, Manchester
- Evans, William, Cardiff, Brick Merchant. Aug 23 at 2 at offices of Jenkins and Co, High st, Cardiff. Evans, Cardiff
- Exley, William, Milton, York, Shoe Dealer. Aug 28 at 11 at the Station Hotel, Leeds. Jackson
- Ferreira, Jose Carlos Mardell, Great Winchester st buildings, Old Broad st, Wine Merchant. Aug 23 at 2 at offices of Andrews and Mason, Ironmonger lane. Angell and Imbert-Terry, Gresham st
- Firth, Joseph, B radford, Machine Wool Comb Maker. Aug 23 at 10 at offices of Wilkinson, Kirkgate, Bradford
- Gaine, Alfred, and William Micklethwait, Charterhouse st, Holborn viaduct, Merchants. Aug 24 at 3 at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham st. Lovett, King William st
- Goldie, William, Wigan, Ale Dealer. Aug 27 at 2 at offices of France, Church gate, Wigan
- Goodison, Jeremiah, Hulme, Manchester, Farmer. Aug 27 at 3 at offices of Chew and Sons, Swan st, Manchester
- Harris, Moss, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Clothier. Aug 29 at 2 at offices of Joel, Newgate st, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
- Harvey, Thomas Henry, High st, Bloomsbury, Decorator. Aug 23 at 10 at offices of Fisher and Co, Leicester sq
- Heath, Elias, Blackburn, Innkeeper. Aug 24 at 3 at offices of Tip-lady, Tackett's st, Blackburn. Folding, Blackburn
- Henderson, William, Manchester, Builder. Aug 24 at 3 at offices of Vaughan-Jones, Piccadilly, Manchester
- Hekeith, William, Withnall, nr Chorley, Lancashire, Brickmaker. Aug 23 at 3 at offices of Scowcroft, Town Hall sq, Bolton
- Holmes, William Henry, Southend, Schoolmaster. Aug 25 at 3 at the London Tavern, Southend. Wood and Son, Roobford
- Houghton, Charles, Cardiff, General Dealer. Aug 30 at 3 at offices of Morgan and Scott, High st, Cardiff
- Humphreys, George, Burslem, Coal Dealer. Aug 24 at 11 at offices of Tomkinson and Furnival, Hanover st, Burslem
- James, Henry Edward, Gloucester, Nail Manufacturer. Aug 21 at 3 at offices of Haines, St John's lane, Gloucester
- Johnson, John, Oulton, Cheshire, Fish Dealer. Aug 27 at 3 at offices of Greenway, Dale st, Liverpool
- Joyce, Medbury, Camden sq, Timber Merchant. Aug 29 at 3 at offices of Bastard, Brabant court

Elson, Charles, Lockwood, York, Coal Merchant. Aug 24 at 11 at  
 offices of Sykes and Son, Lord st, Huddersfield.  
 Elson, Conrad, Sorvia, North Shields, Clothier. Aug 24 at 3 at  
 offices of Adamson, Howard st, North Shields.  
 Knowles, Godfrey, Sheffield, Shoes Dealer. Aug 27 at 3 at offices of  
 Clegg and Sons, Bank st, Sheffield.  
 Lacey, William Randall, Romford, Surveyor. Sept 1 at 11 at offices  
 of Evans and Eagles, John st, Bedford row.  
 Lambert, Thomas David, Aysgarth, York, Chemist. Aug 31 at 10.15  
 at offices of Hammond, Leyburn. Walsell, Northallerton.  
 Law, James, Great Suffolk st, Borough, Licensed Victualler. Aug 29  
 at 3 at offices of Horton, Finsbury place. Morris, Paternoster  
 row.  
 Layland, Edward, Small Heath, Birmingham, Builder. Aug 27 at 3 at  
 offices of Ratcliff, Bennett's hill, Birmingham.  
 Leaver, John, Blackburn, Draper. Aug 28 at 3 at offices of Holland,  
 Northgate, Blackburn.  
 Lewis, John Edward, and Adam Goodchild, Bourne Valley, Dorset,  
 Builders. Aug 22 at 12.30 at offices of Edmonds and Co, Adelaide  
 chambers, Bournemouth. Guy, Southampton.  
 Ling, John Mitford, Huntspill, Somerset, Surgeon. Aug 8 at 12 at  
 offices of Reed and Cook, Bridgewater.  
 Lockett, Benjamin, Birmingham, Brass Founder. Aug 25 at 11 at  
 offices of Buller and Bickley, Bennett's hill, Birmingham.  
 Marriott, Henry, Nottingham, Coal Merchant. Aug 25 at 3 at offices  
 of P. Stevenson, Brougham chambers, Wheeler gate, Nottingham.  
 W. H. Stevenson, Nottingham.  
 Marshall, John Johnson, Leicester, Corn Merchant. Aug 27 at 12 at  
 offices of Wright, Belvoir st, Leicester.  
 Maxton, John, Coventry, Boot Maker. Aug 28 at 2 at offices of  
 Minster, Trinity churchyard, Coventry.  
 Mason, William Bottomley, and Henry Bottomley, Mason, Eccleshill,  
 nr Bradford, Worsted Spinners. Aug 24 at 11 at offices of Wood and  
 Killick, Commercial bank buildings, Bradford.  
 Milford, John, Newtown, Exeter, Wheelwright. Aug 22 at 1 at 50,  
 Wellington rd, Bridgewater.  
 Mills, John, and Robert Mills, Durham, Woollen Drapers. Aug 28 at 2  
 at the Mowley Hotel, Manchester. Chapman, Durham.  
 Moatt, James, Surbiton, Grocer. Sept 2 at 3 at the Guildhall Coffee  
 House, Graham st, Bradley, Merck lane.  
 Moore, George, Coventry, Ironmoulder. Aug 28 at 1 at offices of East,  
 Eldon chambers, Cherry st, Birmingham.  
 Moore, James, Norton, Durham, Butcher. Aug 27 at 2 at 13, Finkle  
 st, Stockton-on-Tees. Fawcett.  
 Morton, John, jun, Liverpool, Barman. Aug 29 at 4 at offices of Se-  
 bright and Co, Clayton sq, Liverpool.  
 Neale, Tom Symonds, Bristol, Bookseller. Aug 28 at 1 at offices of  
 Britton and Co, Small st, Bristol.  
 Neutonen, William, Bedford, nr Dafield, York, Machinist. Aug 24 at  
 4.30 at the Blue Bell Inn, Market place, Great Driffield. Watts,  
 Scarborough.  
 Newman, Joseph, St George's, Gloucester, out of business. Aug 23 at  
 12 at offices of Beckingham, Alb on chambers, Broad st, Bristol.  
 Owen, Thomas, Aberystwyth, Mon, Saddler. Aug 27 at 3 at the Queen's  
 Hotel, Newport. Shepard, Tredgar.  
 Page, Silvester, and John Loveland, Westmoreland mews, Great  
 Marylebone st, Coach Builders. Aug 24 at 3 at offices of Johnson,  
 Seymour place, Marylebone.  
 Phillips, Ann, Master, Glamorgan, Grocer. Aug 24 at 12 at the  
 Town Hall chambers, Bridgend. Stockwood, jun, Bridgend.  
 Phillips, John Frederick, Mumbles, Glamorgan, Grocer. Aug 24 at 3  
 at offices of Woodward, Wind st, Swansea.  
 Pickburn, George Henry, Kidsgrove, Stafford, Chemist. Aug 31 at 2  
 at the Swan Hotel, Stafford. Sherratt, Kidsgrove.  
 Piper, William, Hereford, Grocer. Aug 24 at 4 at offices of Corner,  
 High Town, Hereford.  
 Plumridge, Thomas, Upper Norwood, Grocer. Aug 28 at 3 at the  
 Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Finch, Borough High st.  
 Rankin, Henry, Tottenham st, Islington, Paper Box Maker. Aug 30 at  
 3 at 173, Ball's Pond rd, Islington. Fenton, Highgate.  
 Raworth, Harrison Walker, Chesterfield, Chemist. Aug 27 at 3 at  
 offices of Outts and Co, Low pavement, Chesterfield.  
 Rawson, Samuel, Birmingham, Wholesale Fruiterer. Aug 29 at 3 at  
 offices of Ratcliff, Bennett's hill, Birmingham.  
 Richards, Frank Graham, and Walter Wilsing, Sparkbrook, Birming-  
 ham, Builders. Aug 27 at 12 at offices of Smith, Temple st, Birming-  
 ham.  
 Roberts, Hugh, Garreglefn Rhosybol, Anglesey, Draper. Aug 27 at 3  
 at the Alexandra Hotel, Dale st, Liverpool. Roose, Amwich.  
 Robinson, John Frederick, Manchester, Tailor. Sept 3 at 3 at the  
 Palace Hotel, Market place, Manchester. Ward, Manchester.  
 Ross, Daniel, Chesham, Lancashire, Builder. Aug 27 at 11 at offices  
 of Ritson and Grundy, Cross st, Manchester.  
 Rothschild, Samuel Abraham, and Hugo Authols, Wood st sq, Wood  
 st, Fancy Warehousemen. Sept 3 at 2 at offices of Miller, Moor-  
 gate st.  
 Rudge, Theophilus Thomas, South Shields, Architect. Aug 23 at 11 at  
 offices of Renoldson, King st, South Shields.  
 Russell, Frederick Gathergood, and Christopher Kendray, Ferryhill  
 Station, Durham, Cabinet Makers. Aug 30 at 3 at offices of Chap-  
 man, Market place, Durham.  
 Scott, Abraham Eiland, Gosport, Denbigh, Shopkeeper. Aug 27 at  
 1 at 2, Temple row, Wrexham. Poyser.  
 Sewell, John, Stouridge, Grocer. Aug 25 at 11 at offices of Wall,  
 Union chambers, Stourbridge.  
 Shaw, Benjamin, Streethouse, nr Wakefield, Greengrocer. Aug 24 at  
 11 at offices of Lake, Southgate, Wakefield.  
 Skerritt, Francis Henry, Sheffield, Builder. Aug 28 at 10 at offices of  
 Porrett, Bank st, Sheffield.  
 Smith, George, Tunbridge Wells, Coach Builder. Aug 29 at 11 at offices  
 of Burton, Dyott terrace, Tunbridge Wells.  
 Smith, George William, Great Bromley, Essex, Butcher. Aug 28 at 11  
 at offices of Seymour and Co, North hill, Colchester.  
 Stamford, William Frederick John, Newmarket, All Saints, Cambridge,  
 Plumber. Aug 29 at 12 at Bidler's H tel, Hol born.  
 Stokes, William, Chichester, Grocer. Aug 29 at 3 at the Dolphin  
 Hotel, West at, Chichester. King, Portsea.

Townsend, Joshua Hackett, Birmingham, Milliner. Aug 23 at 2 at 145,  
 Chapsdale. Hawks and Weekes, Birmingham.  
 Turner, Hermon Davison, Cuckney, Nottingham, Grocer. Aug 29 at  
 3 at offices of Appleton, Market place, Worksop. Burdickin and Co  
 Urquhart, William, St Matthias rd, Stoke Newington, Beer Retailer.  
 Sept 6 at 2 at offices of Brighton and Parker, Bishopsgate st with-  
 out.  
 Wakefield, Jabez, St Albans, out of business. Aug 23 at 3 at the  
 Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' avenue, Coleman st. Wells, St  
 Albans.  
 Warschawsky, Joseph, Gracechurch st, Tailor. Aug 24 at 12 at  
 Ashley's Hotel, Maiden lane, Covent garden. Button and Co,  
 Henrietta st, Covent garden.  
 Webster, Samson, Liversedge, York, Moulder. Aug 25 at 11 at offices  
 of Sykes, Ings grove, Heckmondwike.  
 Wheeler, George, Sparkbrook, Birmingham, Builder. Aug 28 at 11 at  
 offices of Saunders and Bradbury, Temple row, Birmingham.  
 Whiting, William, Bath, Timber Merchant. Aug 27 at 11.30 at offices  
 of Doyle and Sons, Carey st, Lincoln's inn. Bartrum, Bath.  
 Windsor, John, Oswestry, Wire Worker. Aug 27 at 2 at the Public  
 Hall, Oswestry. Minchall and Jones, Oswestry.  
 Wingfield, William, Mill hill terrace, Acton, Warehouseman. Aug 25  
 at 12 at offices of Gibbons, Basinghall st.  
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